

## HOUSE BILL NO. 53

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REQUIREMENT THAT OPERATORS OF CERTAIN VEHICLES SECURE LOADS TO PREVENT LITTERING AND OBSTRUCTIONS ON HIGHWAYS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-370, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 61-8-370, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-8-370. Securing of load -- requirement.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), to prevent littering or creating an obstruction dangerous to the public traveling on the highway, A a person operating a loaded truck, trailer, or other vehicle on a public highway for the purpose of transporting construction demolition material, gravel, sand, or household waste or solid waste as defined in 75-10-203, except a commercial motor vehicle or a vehicle transporting unprocessed agricultural products, shall:

(a) attach the load;

(b) cover the load and attach the covering material to the truck, trailer, or other vehicle; or

(c) otherwise secure the load sufficiently to prevent any of it from escaping the truck, trailer, or other vehicle littering or creating an obstruction dangerous to the public traveling on the highway.

(2) A vehicle transporting unprocessed agricultural products is exempt from the provisions in subsection (1)."

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